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Faculty Assembly
Wednesday, March 2, 2016
Bazarsky Auditorium

Quorum Count: **51**

I. Approval of Minutes of Faculty Assembly Meeting of February 3, 2016.

The minutes passed.

II. Treasurer's Report: Dr. Emily Colbert Cairns \$1,329.18

III. Scheduled Announcements:

- Dr. Dean del la Motte, French Film Festival
- Dr. D. Matthew Ramsey on Mosaic-sponsored speaker, Ms. Irin Carmon
- Mr. John Rok, 2017 Nicaragua Service Trip/VIA/NCAA DIII Week
- Dr. John-David Swanson, Internal granting program

IV. Committee Reports

- Sabbatical Committee, Mr. Jay Lacouture: 6 Faculty sabbaticals.
- Nominations & Elections, Dr. Timothy Neary: Committee election forthcoming
- Core Review Committee, Dr. John Quinn: UNV 101 instructors needed. Update on test out (probably not worth the time and money for the number of students served).

Numerous comments, questions, and concerns about how CRC is assessing the core.

This is a summation of answers to various questions about how CRC is assessing the core (Dr. John Quinn): The committee has worked hard to roll out the core and staff UNV seminars. It's too large an undertaking for CRC to effectively assess the core. The Dean of Academics has decided to remove assessment from the committee, but in her absence, there hasn't been much headway in terms of assessment. Additionally, the CTL collects data on UNV seminars, though the data from UNV 101 this year was pretty inconclusive.

There were many concerns raised about the need for a fast and effective assessment of the core so that timely changes can be made to address any of the core's shortcomings.

There was a concern raised that CRC, possibly motivated by a political agenda, would protect the core (whether effective or not).

At least one committee member opposed that characterization.

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There were numerous suggestions about how to expedite assessment, including a call for the formation of an Ad hoc committee tasked with assessment.

The speaker, as advised by the parliamentarian, brought an end to the discussion.

- Curriculum Committee, Dr. Madeleine Esch: No votable proposals. There was an update on the race/racism proposal, which went from CC to CRC and back. Both committees were concerned about how the proposal could be implemented. CC suggested the group collect data on where issues of race/racism are being taught in our curriculum.

There was a comment raised about the committee's protocol. The CC seems to be working against the process voted in place by the FA, which states that all proposals be circulated to the faculty first. This protocol, in the case of the race/racism proposal, for instance, did not happen. This comment ended in a question about the procedure.

Answer (Dr. Madeleine Esch): The committee discussed this at length at our most recent meeting. Subsequent to the protocol mentioned, the committee implemented the multi-step SharePoint system. This system is meant to address redundancies by sharing/vetting new curricular proposals across departments. The goal of this system is to also allow CRC and CC to work in tandem on proposals.

Question: What does FA do when we feel a committee has failed in its charge?

Answer (Dr. Troy Catterson, parliamentarian): Committee reports are not arenas for debate. In terms of rejecting a report: This is ambiguous in terms of parliamentary procedure so research will need to be done here.

Comment: Rejecting a committee is not the same as rejecting a *report*. If our committees do not live up to their responsibilities, what can we do to make a real change here?

Given the time, the speaker asked that the assembly move into Executive Session.

Adjournment: 4:56.